

CHAPTER 262

Monroe County Courthouse Grounds Hours, Sanitation, and Use Restrictions

262-1. Monroe County Courthouse Hours of Operation, Violations

The Monroe County Courthouse grounds shall be open for public use during the hours of 6:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday, unless extended hours are approved for an event in accordance with M.C.C. 260. Otherwise, the Monroe County Courthouse grounds shall be closed to public use. Signs stating the foregoing hours of operation shall be posted on the Monroe County Courthouse grounds. A person who violates this section commits a Class E ordinance violation and is subject to the civil penalties and terms set forth in Monroe County Code Chapter 115. Additionally, or in the alternative, a person using of the Monroe County Courthouse grounds during the hours of closure may be directed to leave the grounds and may be charged by the State of Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code 35-43-2-2, with the offense of trespass.

262-2. Littering on the Monroe County Courthouse Grounds, Violations

Littering is prohibited on the Monroe County Courthouse grounds. For purposes of this section, the term “littering” means “recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally placing or leaving refuse, which may include solid and semisolid wastes, dead animals, and offal, on the Monroe County Courthouse grounds, except in a container provided for such refuse.” A person violating this section commits a Class E ordinance violation and is subject to the civil penalties and terms set forth in Monroe County Code Chapter 115. Additionally, or in the alternative, a person responsible for littering on the Monroe County Courthouse grounds may be charged by the State of Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code 35-45-3-2, with the criminal offense of littering.

262-3. Consuming Alcohol on the Monroe County Courthouse Grounds, Violations

The consumption of alcohol on the Monroe County Courthouse grounds is prohibited, unless expressly authorized as part of an event approved pursuant to M.C.C. 260. A person violating this section commits a Class E ordinance violation and is subject to the civil penalties and terms set forth in Monroe County Code Chapter 115.

262-4. Courthouse Grounds

For purposes of this section, the term Monroe County Courthouse grounds refers to the land surrounding and adjacent to the Monroe County Courthouse building, between the public sidewalks along Walnut Street, Kirkwood Avenue, College Avenue, and Sixth Street.

262-5. Subsequent Violations and Enforcement

In addition to the penalties and remedies set forth above, a person who commits a second or subsequent violation of this chapter is subject to an escalating scale of expulsion from the Courthouse grounds (e.g., expulsion for thirty days for the second violation, sixty days for the third violation, 90 days for the fourth violation, and so forth). Those who are found on the Courthouse grounds during a period of expulsion, are trespassing on the property, and may be so charged, unless they are actively engaged in conducting County business (e.g., recording a document, attending a meeting, etc.). The provisions of this ordinance may be enforced by Monroe County Maintenance staff and by law enforcement officers.

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